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DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.

1. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE REQUESTED REFTELS.

2. THERE IS A POTENTIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DEFINITIONAL DISCUSSIONS AND THE SPECIFICITY WITH WHICH WE IDENTIFY THE LEVEL OF THE COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING. THE PRECISE LEVEL OF THE ILLUSTRATIVE 900,000 MAN CEILING IS DEPENDENT ON THE DEFINITION OF FORCES TO BE INCLUDED. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE DATA-DEFINITION DIALOGUE WILL MOVE RAPIDLY. THEREFORE, WE SEE THIS AS A FURTHER JUSTIFICATION FOR DEFERRING A DECISION ON SPECIFYING THE LEVEL OF THE COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING BEYOND THOSE CONSIDERED IN ARRIVING AT THE US PREFERENCE FOR GUIDANCE TO THE AHG.

3. WE HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE REASON FOR CHANGING THE ORDER OF "AIR AND NUCLEAR" (PARA 20, REFTEL), AND WE CAN ACCEPT EITHER ORDER THROUGHOUT THE PAPER.

4. WE AGREE WITH MISSION COMMENT, PARA 13, REFTEL B. IN LIGHT OF APPARENT FIRM ALLIED RESISTANCE TO US PARA 3 LANGUAGE, YOU SHOULD PROPOSE FOLLOWING COMPROMISE TO FOLLOW THE UNBRACKETED INITIAL PORTION OF PARA 3.

5. BEGIN TEXT. THE ALLIES SHOULD MAINTAIN THEIR POSITION THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON GROUND FORCES, WHICH CONSTITUTE THE LARGEST AND MOST SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ELEMENT IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS, AND THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD ADDRESS THE EXISTING DISPARITIES IN GROUND FORCE MANPOWER AND MAIN BATTLE TANKS AS THE MAJOR DESTABILIZING FACTORS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THEY SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THOUGH THE ALLIED PROPOSAL AS SUPPLEMENTED BY THE NEW ALLIED MOVE TAKES INTO ACCOUNT CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE EASTERN SIDE ABOUT NUCLEAR AND AIR ELEMENTS, IT CONSTITUTES A UNIQUE TRADE AND IS NOT A STEP TOWARD FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR OR AIR FORCES OR IN EQUIPMENT. END TEXT.

6. WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO GO FURTHER ON "PLUS" PARAGRAPH THAN ASSURANCE IN LAST SENTENCE OF ABOVE TEXT. WE AGREE
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WITH MISSION THAT ANYTHING BEYOND ABOVE SUGGESTED FORMULATION WOULD BE BEST REFLECTED IN INTERNAL UNDERSTANDINGS. KISSINGER

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